AN ORDINANCE
BY COUNCILMEMBER CEASAR MITCHELL

AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING THE MATRICULA CONSULAR AS A FORM OF PROPER IDENTIFICATION.

WHEREAS, the Mexican government has established a program to provide official photo identification cards, called Matricula Consular, for its citizens who reside outside of Mexico, and

WHEREAS, the Mexican Consulate in Atlanta has requested that the City of Atlanta government recognize the Matricula Consular as valid identification for any City transactions where positive identification may be required, and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Human Relations Commission has recommended the City of Atlanta establish the Matricula Consular as an acceptable form of identification, and

WHEREAS, more than 800 U.S. police departments, 15 cities, 20 counties in various states and 13 states now accept the cards as valid identification, and

WHEREAS, City of Atlanta recognition of the Matricula Consular will make it easier for Mexican nationals residing in the city to conduct many transactions that require identification.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

SECTION 1: that the City of Atlanta recognizes the Matricula Consular, issued by the Mexican government, as sufficient and valid identification for any City of Atlanta government transaction where establishing a positive identification is required.

SECTION 2: that any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

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